THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d) The recommendations made by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices in its report on Price Policy for Kharif Crops of 1989-90 Season are under consideration.

Indo-Dutch Seminar on Potato

1251. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indo-Dutch seminar on potato was held by the Horticulture Board last year;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that some valuable suggestions were given thereat for processing and storage of potato;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have prepared any programme to implement these suggestions; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. An Indo-Dutch seminar on potato was held on 20th and 21st May, 1986 by the National Horticulture Board.

(b) and (c) Various suggestions on storage and processing made in this Seminar are as under:—

(i) Reduction in cold storage charges through adoption of alternative simple low-cost storage techniques.
(ii) Use of sprout suppressant to check sprouting.
(iii) Use of Dutch expertise for development of potato industry.
(iv) Development of potato varieties for processing.
(v) Import of processing equipment/machinery at concessional rate of import duty.
(vi) Promoting consumption of potato and its products.

(d) Yes, Sir. Based on the recommendations made by the Expert Committee constituted by the Government.

(e) Does not arise.

Implementation of "Jivan Dhara" Scheme in Orissa

1252. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether irrigation facilities are being provided in the tribal sub plan area in the countrty under Centrally sponsored "JIVAN DHARA" programme;

(b) if so, what are tribal sub-plan areas in Orissa where "JIVAN DHARA" scheme has been implemented during 1988-89; and

(c) the programme drawn up for implementing "JIVAN DHARA" programme during 1989-90 in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI): (a) to (c) Jivan Dhara is the name given to the Million Wells' Scheme being implemented as a sub-scheme of the National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP), the target groups under which are the members of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes who may be small/marginal farmers below the poverty line, and freed bonded labourers. Wherever the target groups are available, the scheme can be taken up for implementation. It is being implemented in

the State of Orissa also. During the year 1988-89, 25,000 wells are proposed to be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 23.25 crores under the scheme in Orissa. A similar programme is likely to be taken up in the State during the year 1989-90.

Expansion of AIR and Doordarshan Net work

1253. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate uncovered areas in different States where Doordarshan and AIR net work has not been provided so far;

(b) whether Government propose to provide Doordarshan and AIR net work in some of those uncovered areas during the seventh plan period; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Details are given in the Statement attached. (*See* below.)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Seventh Plan of All India Radio/Doordarshan includes setting up of a large number of transmitters and also upgradation of power of some of the existing transmitters in various parts of the country. These schemes are at different stages of implementation. A number of places, not covered by radio/TV Signals at present, would be covered once these schemes are completed.

Statement

State/Union Territory	Area (%) presently not covered by	
	AIR	TV
	2	3
1. Andhra Pradesh	7	50
2. Arunachal Pradesh	25	92
3. Assam	24	34
4. Bihar	5	28
5. Goa	1	—
6. Gujarat	2	40
7. Haryana	4	3
8. Himachal Pradesh	55	69
9. Jammu & Kashmir	70	74
10. Karnataka	8	60
11. Kerala	20	16
12. Madhya Pradesh	12	65
13. Maharashtra	4	59
14. Manipur	1*	70
15. Meghalaya	4	26
16. Mizoram	18	90
17 Nagaland	5	57
18. Orissa	3	58
19 Punjab	19	1
20 Rajasthan		72